FOR GIRLS OF LEISURE

A BRAND NEW PLAN

MISTRESS NELLIE CUSTIS AND THE NELLIE CUSTIS ROSE

TO PRESENT AND FUTURE EXCHANGE MEMBERS

may have something to continuously set; as to the purchasing of goods, will no cheerfully given, after careful thought the upon and consider, the April subjects and deliberation of the query.

dred and fifty words on "Woman as of suggestion in household and other Educators," two dollars and a half will matters are asked for, and will be highbe given. The same prize will be award-

spring gowns, or the making up of March 26th.-The Editor.

The March competition contest will new ones, as to the preferences of the close March 23d, sq., in order that the season in materials and colors, and their interest of present and future members, adaptation to the coloring of the wearer,

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In the meantime, if one Exchange in the meantime, if one exchange in the upon the ly appreciated. To make the Exchange for the hest article of the same length a vitalized centre of interest, requires "The Tendency of the Century in the co-operation of Richmond and Vir-

If the Life and Dress."

The editor invites the fullest expression in the way of gueries. Answers in the form of advice as to the making over the contest for April will close on the 23d of that month. The names of March the form of advice as to the making over prize winners will be announced Sunday,

THE LAW OF FASHION.

One is informed by Marie H. King, in the March number of "Madame," that the law of Fashion diclates a radical change in style, and wherever dress is being discussed the change in sleeve and shoulder line is the all-important topic.

In the newest coats the square shoulder has now taken the place of the drooping effect so long in vogue; the fulness in the sleeve now appearing at the top instead of at the lower part.

The new skirts are elaborately trimmed, and are now made with a great degl of tulness below, the knee, either by a flounce or by inverted plaits at the seams. The skirts of the smartest tailored costumes are practical to the last degree. They are cut to fit the hips closely, and are quite short, with a decided flare at the foot.

A feature of the spasson's styles is the

THE MARCH HOSTESS.

"Here's to the hostess who has worried

And trembled lest everything go the

wrong way; May the grace of contentment possess

her at once, May her guests and her servants all do the right stunts."

Clams on the Half Shell.
Clear Soup. Croutons.
Planked Shad. Potato Roses.
Sliced Cucumbers.
Rosst Lamb. Mushroom Gravy. Mint
Sauce. Peas. Asparagus on Tosst.
Grape Fruit; the centers filled with white

grapes and powdered sugar.

o Cream in shape of Shamrocks.
White Cake with Pistachio Icing.
Coffee.
Mints. Candled Fruits.

New Ideas for the Hostess. New York hostesses are serving a new salad of cream cheese and Bar-te-duc-jelly, mixed together and frozen in a

salad of cream cheese and party-duc-jelly, mixed together and frozen in a mold; then cut into squares and served with mayonnaise on lettuce leaves. A new dessert is to serve ife cream in glasses, and place a spoonful of pre-served glaser pears on the top of each glass.

The Spirit. spirit that does it, my dear, my e spirit that does it ever, e power of the will is resistless ie rush of a mighty river. ne spirit that moves the mountains dear, fat tunnels lo awesome wonder, the steam steed's spray, and its brazen bray, re merged in vaults of thunder.

There shall be no Alps!!' Napoleon cried;
"Unconditional surreider!"
Gallant words indeed, that prove our need,
Of defler—and defender!

'Tis the spirit that makes fair women

'Tis the spirit that makes the women at home.
Whose souls with fear are shaking.

work
In the slums of the sullen city,
Or bids them go into war's red glow,
Thrilled with passion and with pity,

March Menu.

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A feature of the season's styles is the fancy waisteast, bright red, green and orange, giving a touch of color to an otherwise dark costume. Velvet and velveteen are much in evidence, and will be worn late into the spring.

The practical shirtwaist is still with us, and there is a wide choice of material to select from; madras, cotton, chavlot and linen will all be used again. Exquisite effects can be obtained with the Pompadour silks and ribbons now so much in vogue. The prettiest and daintiest of theatre waists are made of the wide Pompadour ribbons joined together by ince or faggoting.

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By MEMBER OF WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.



There was nothing about his home at Mount Vernon that gave George Washington greater pleasure than his garden, which was laid out and tended by him with the greatest care.

Its trimly kept box-hedges and its brightly blooming beds bore ample testimony to the careful hand and eye of the master. Not one of its blossoms, however, was sweeter than the flower of girlhood that grew apace into budding wo manhood within the walls of Mount Verahon and that shared with her step-father his passionate love for flowers.

One day in autumn, when some rare rose cuttings had been sent to the Gen-

she became Mistress Eleanor Parke Custis Lewis she wore a namesake in herhair, but Washington declared that its volvety hue paled beside the bloom on the fair face of the bride.

The "Neille Custis" rose still remains in the old-world garden at Mount Vernon, though the General and his step-daughter live only as cherished memories.

When Neille Custis went to her new home as a wife, she took a rose slip from the Mount Vernon garden with her, and as it grow into a sturdy tree, loved

and as it grow into a sturdy tree, loved it for the General's sake and its tender associations.

When she died the rose was planted over her grave.

BEGINNER.

This Up-to-Date King.

Poet and Woman Against Osler

a, club at a social settlement and becomes a "friendly visitor," or joins one of the numerous inconsequential "classes" designed for the unocoupled.

"This her family do not oppose. But if these things begin to interest the girl, if these things begin to interest the girl, if these things begin to interest the girl, if the pool therself, if she begins to give them more than a sporadic hour or two a week, the family are act once up in a week, the family are act once up in a sem. In many cases the belated protessional woman, or the volunteer resident (To be Continued.)

Country Chloe's Ideas of Scientist's Opinion.

Query—If there are only forty days in Lent, why does it begin March 8th and continue through April 22d? LORETTA. De poet sals "we kount time by heart throbs." but de doctur, what's done studdid de ernatermy ob de human figger, sals time orter be kount'd by de branes an' de brawn; an' dat'both de senses an' de strength gibs out at 40-dat dat's de time dey orter git outer de way, an' et' dey's slo' erbout it doy orter be klorofomed at 60. Now, I hab notic'd dat fokes is mity like fount'in pens-dey kant go beyont what's in 'em, an' it seems sorter ruff on 'em dat dey shud be throw'd erside bekase dey kant make or mark. We alls kno' dat 'xampi' ar mo' compellin' dan procep', so ef de doctur had sus' blazed de way fur us ter go we mout be mo' willin' ter follo'.

Ob course, de doctur am like Arnol's Latin gramm'r—when he sais "man" he means de hole sum ob de human race, urrespectiv' ut sex—I argufy from de fac' dat hab he cogertated he'd er seen how ontumfertabl' 'twould' be to'r hab de female part ob humananerty all sen' in der visitin' kards ter him, an' ernouther wun dat mout be left ter manerfactur de hunny ob wisdum outer de flours ob 'nolige dey done sipped erfore dey wus 40. But et he ment ter kill out de females an' de men-idgits,

Lawd! what er howlin' wilderness dis wor!' wud be,

Wid nobody in it but Doctur Osier an' mei Answer: Because, as the Sundays are festivals and must be excepted, four days are added at the beginning of Lent, commencing with Ash Wednesday. Query-When does mid-Lent fall this year? Answer: On April 2d, the fourth Sunday in Lent, It is celebrated in Southern Europe by the Mi-Careme or Mid-Lent festival.

Answer: It is necessary to become a member, which you'can easily do on application. Your name must be signed to you article when sent in, but the editor will append to what you publish your nom do plume or initials as you desire.

When She Becomes "Wife."

Some London papers have been dis-cussing the subject of honeymoons and have decided that a bride ceases to be a "bride and becomes a "wife" after six

weeks of matrimony.
This is absurd, because there are some wise women who are brides all

dinner. When the days while he is away begin to seem too short instead of too long.

As one of those things need ever happen if two people are bent upon prolonging their hapiness, there isn't a scientist living who could set an exact date for the waning of the honeymoon.—New York Press.

The Art of Dressing Well. (Member of Woman's Exchange.)

Is madam well dressed, unless she looks o the little things that make her tollet complete? Her gown may be well tailor-

A Tragedy.

Sir Johnnycake with Miss Charlotte Russe Fell deeply in love, poor thins. And when their engagement came to pags the save her a doughnut ring.

ous.
When she grows economical with his kisses.
When she begins to mag.
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When she does not mind coming to the breakfast table in curi papers.
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When he tells her how pretty some other woman looks.
When she begins to remember the virtues of the man she didn't marry.
When he begins to eulogize his mother, when a meal becomes so quiet that she can plan a whola frock between the ourses.
When he begins to go out to his club. When she begins to hunt up her old friends and enjoy calling on them.
When he comes in late for dinner.
When she forgots to come home from the matinee in time to greet him before dinner.
When the days while he is away begin

complete? Her gown may be well tailored, her hat a beautiful creation from
Modiste Blanks, but she loses her charm
if her bolts are silpping apart, and the
dust of yesterday's outing still lurks in the
velvot that resis softly on her feet halr.
Little things in life are what count. So
they make up the sum in the art of drassing well. It is the smart stock, perhaps,
that will lift a gown out of the ordinary.
Doubtless it is the fact of a collar being
carefully adjusted and a waist line invisible, which has made one woman better
dressed than her neighbor. Girls may
well keep a whisk broom busy. Should
they cause the bundle of switches to feel
that young women can't keep boots and
gloves spotless, and old garments as fresh
as the new, they will have turned a leaf
in "The Art of Dressing Well" What a
sweet, clean, fragrance comes from a
wholesome little body when the daily bath
is never neglected and the bag of orris
is kept within reach! Such simply little
things make up the attraction of a well
dressed woman.

C. M.

Though some esteemed her too sweet for him,
Predicting in woe she'd plungs,
A few of her closest friends declared
They knew her to be a sponge.

It matiered not to their tractic fate.
For the family came to supBoth he and she and the doughnut ring.
Were all of them calculup.
—McLandburgh Wilson, in Puck.

Value of Kindergarten to Mothers as given in the Century dictionary are as follows: "A red color of low chroma but high luminosity, inclining toward purple. A red coat or badge, specifically, a scarlet hunting coat." (By a Member of Womans' Exchange.) This was a fundamental principle of garten was to be the beginning of sys-

Queries and Answers.

Query-Will you give the name and address of a dally paper in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and

A CONSTANT READER. Answer: Address Herald Office, New York city; The Sun, Baltimore, Md.; The Record, Philadelphia, Pa.; The Post, Washington, D. C.

In this busy, bustling life what a safe haven is the kindergarten, for the hardworking mothers, who have not time to give their children the attention they know so well they need.

Words are inadequate to express the world of good done by this, the greatest of all institutions. Its influence is tenfold, ennobility and uplifting. It molds the child's character, teaches him the nestimable habits of industry and thrift that go with him through life and lay the foundation for great things to come.

Not in his lifetime only is it foit, but for generations its genial refining effect gan be marked. The average child has one talent, but the average mother has not time to cultivate it. If she is capable, she i so worn out with the endless jobs to be done, the teething baby, an exact-Query-If Queen Victoria had not have belonged to the royal family, she would have been called Miss — what? After have been catted miss she was married, Mrs. — what? D. H. G.

Query—Kindly state in your valuable paper the quickest and best way of ob-taining a position as companion. Am a young girl, well educated, neat, and of a fine family, with no objection to travel. Desire a position out of the city.

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Answer: Write a lotter addressed to
the Matron of the Woman's Christian
Association, New York city. State your
desires in regard to employment and ask
her help. Advertise in the want column
of the New York Herald. Look in that
paper; select a reliable employment
agency, write to the head of it and follow
instructions. You will soon hear of
something that will sult you.

'lis the spirit that sots the feet of men A-climb on the Klondike passes; That cleaves the desolate jungle through, And the gloom of the grim morasses. Tis the spirit that plans, creates and Tis the spirit that often cheated.
And lashed by the fini of adversity's hall is ne'er conquered—though oft defeated. 'Tis the spirit that does it, my dear, my



OF TRUE BLUE HENRIETTA CLOTH.

An attractive model for a dark blue Henrietta cloth has a most attractive box plaited skirt, with hip yoke and a jaunty little bolero jacket. The front is double-breasted and has two applied box plaits on each side. The sleeves are loose at top and finished at hand with a turned cuff and the deep girdle is messaline of shade matching the material.

With this costume is worn a chie hat of blue straw braid decorated with bluets.

the poem, "Lily of Fort Custer," and A. E. B.

Answer: The poem will be published it some reader will kindly favor the editor with a copy. Unless the authorship of a poem is stated, its immediate placing is often a matter of difficulty.

Answer: The Virginia Antiquarian Society, through a committee of ladies, is at present considering the plan of creeting a statue to the memory of Smith at Jamestown. He was burled in the church of St. Sepulcine, London, England. The fire, injuring the University of Virginia, occurred October 27, 1805. A thorough examination of the file of The Times newspaper for two months subsequent, falls to reveal the publication of the poem referred to. As the name of the author is asked for, perhaps the book or piper where the verses may be found, can be supplied. It is nearly impossible to catch up with fugitive poetry unloss a clue is furnished, but a place will be cheerfully finade for the lines desired if a request herewith preferred, can secure them.

elling as "thro," "thoro" and IGNORAMUS.

IGNORAMUS.

Answer: Forty-nine nations accepted the invitation of the United States to erect buildings at the Centennial. Chief among these were England and its dependencies; France and its colonies: Austria, Russin and all that Russian possession include; Italy, Norway and Sweden, Austro-Hungary, Spain and the West Indies; Belgium, Japan, Brazil and South American States, China, Scotland, Ireland, Mexico, Central American States, Gormany, including what is now known under the limits of the German Empire; Japan, Holland, Denmark, Persia, Turkey, Egypt, Arabia, Abyssinia, Siam, Anam, Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro, Aigiers, Morocco, Tunis, Tripoll and Thibet. The authority for the spelling mentioned is the law of usage, the most powerful factor in the creation and abbreviation of English words.

Query—Is it necessary to pay 50c, for the privilege of becoming a competitor in the contests of the Woman's Ex-change? Will one be allowed to compete for more than one prize? Does the badge cost fifty cents? J. C. J.

Answer: The badge for the Woman's Exchange, Times-Dispatch is a white porcelain mattered cross, inscribed with the letters "T. D. W. E." on the arms of the cross in blue. There is no charge for it, whatever, and no charge for competitorship in the contests inaugurated for the benefit of the Woman's Exchange. The sole condition of membership is an application for a badge, sent to the coltor of Woman's Exchange, Times-Dispatch Bullding, accompanied by two stamps to pay return postage. The contest for the present month closes Thursday, March 23d. The competitive subjects are "The Value of the Kindergarten to Mothers," "The Art of Dressing Woll" and. "The Cuttivation of Flowers in City and Country." For best article of 25d words on subject first mentioned, a prize of five dollars its effered. Prizes of two and a half dollars will be awarded for winning articles of 200 words on second and third subjects mentioned. No one is restricted to one competition. Contributions on all subjects of interest to women throughout he State are solicited.

Query—Will you suggest a cover for protection of polished plane stool?

M. E. M'L.

Answer: Fit smoothly a lining of quilted slik adjusting it carefully to the stool and finishing the edges neatly. Then make the cover proper of canvas, embroldered and filled in with prettily tinted sliks that should be warranted not to fade. A putt of slik or saith is a good finish for the cover and enables it to be put on so that it will not be easily disarranged.

Query-Please tell me through your "Queries and Answers," if there is a monument to the memory of Captain John Smith and where he is buried. Also, please publish the poem, "The Eurning of the University, the name of its author, and oblige,

A READER. A READER.

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Query-What nations accepted the in-vitation of the United States to erect buildings at the Philadelphia Centen-

Query—Why is a scarlet hunting coa-called, "pink." Answer: Two of the definitions of pink,

SPRING MODEL SHOWING THE NEW VEST EFFECT.

Waistcoats make an important feature of the latest styles and afford opportunity for many smart combinations. The above costume is made of brown taffeta and shows vests and cuff points of chamois colored cloth braided with white; the collar, revers and turned cuffs of brown velvet. The Eton waist is new and chic, and is admirable both for visiting and indoor wear.

indoor wear.

The skirt is a late model, made with each alternate gore in two portions, the lower platted to provide ample fullness.